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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ A hitch device storage assembly of ~~claim 7~~ for storing a plurality of hitch devices, the hitch device storage assembly comprising:

a panel adapted for attachment to a wall;

at least two spaced receiver hitches mounted on and extending outwardly from said panel, each said receiver hitch being adapted for coupling to a respective one of the hitch devices; and
securing means for securing each hitch device to a respective one of said plurality of receiver hitches;

wherein said securing means for each said receiver hitch of said at least two spaced receiver hitches comprises a pair of axially-aligned holes extending through opposite sides of said receiver hitch;

wherein said opposite sides of a first one of said at least two receiver hitches are oriented substantially parallel to said opposite sides of a second one of said at least two spaced receiver hitches such that said opposites sides of said receiver hitches are not oriented toward each other;

wherein each of said aligned holes has a securing pin removably inserted through the aligned holes and apertures whereby the respective hitch device is secured to said hitch receiver;

a plurality of locking mechanisms, each locking mechanism being selectively couplable to a respective said securing pin for inhibiting disengagement of said securing pin from said hitch receiver;

wherein each said locking mechanism includes a removable key for actuating said locking mechanism;

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a plurality of connection openings extending through said panel for receiving connectors extending through the connection openings to attach said panel to the wall, at least one of said connection openings being positioned between said at least two spaced receiver hitches; and

wherein each said hitch receiver is generally tubular having a generally rectangular cross-section.

17. (Cancelled)